

acquisition and operation of recreation areas.

The presence of Seymour-Johnson Air Force Base could be used in attracting tourism into Wayne County. Guided tours of the base should have wide appeal. The establishment of an aviation museum in conjunction with regular guided tours of the base is a possibility which should be explored in depth.

Expansion of the Cliffs of the Neuse State Park recently brought the total park area to around 520 acres. Studies are presently underway to provide a developed camp area. Family camping facilities would greatly enhance the attraction of the Cliffs of the Neuse for camping tourists.

In essence, the tourist trade in Wayne County is yet a valuable resource which has virtually been untapped. Efforts by public and private interests in the near future to exploit this resource could provide another source of income which the county needs badly. Unless there is official endorsement and backing by the county government in securing needed tourist attractions, the likelihood of realizing any of these proposed projects is remote. Action is needed now, while there is sufficient space to accommodate such ventures.